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ACID-LABILE ACTIVE COMPOUND**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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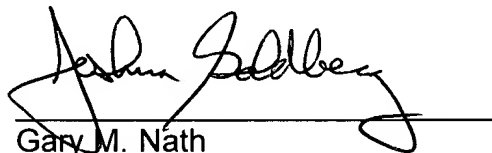
Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter, one (1) page;
- (2) Amendment and Response to final Official Action, ten (10) pages;
- (3) Appendix A containing a listing of claims, seven (7) pages.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Official Action dated August 24, 2006. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire November 24, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the period for reply set by the Examiner.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 11-15, 18-20, 33-44 and 50-60 are pending in this application. Claims 11, 12, and 18 have been amended as reflected in the listing of claims outlined in Appendix A, submitted herewith.